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MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19 UPDATE PUBLIC NOTICE #6

Ontario Permits More Businesses and Services Reopened Restrictions Being Eased in Communities Where It Is Safe to Do So

Premier Ford announced on June 2nd, 2020 that the Province would extend the Declaration of Emergency under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* for another 28 days to June 30th, 2020. The extension of the provincial declaration of emergency allows Ontario to continue to enforce current emergency orders.

The Ontario government, after consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has extended all emergency orders currently in force under s.7.0.2 (4) of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* **until June 30, 2020**. Extending these emergency orders will give employers of frontline care providers the necessary flexibility to respond to COVID-19 and protect vulnerable people and the public as the province gradually and safely reopens.

While current emergency orders will remain in place until the end of the month, the government will continue to review each one on an ongoing, case-by-case basis to determine when and if they can safely be adjusted or lifted, as part of the province's framework to safely reopen the province.

On June 8th, 2020, the Ontario government announced that it is getting more people back to work and more recreational activities open by moving forward with a regional approach to **Stage 2** of reopening the province.

Effective Friday, June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., the province increased the limit on social gatherings from five to 10 people across the province, regardless of whether a region has moved to Stage 2. Additionally, all places of worship in Ontario are also permitted to open with physical distancing in place and attendance limited to no more than 30 per cent of the building capacity to ensure the safety of worshippers.

Public health unit regions allowed to move into Stage 2 on Friday, June 12 at 12:01 a.m. include **Public Health Sudbury & Districts**.

Businesses and services permitted to reopen with proper health and safety measures in place in regions entering Stage 2 include:

- Outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments, including patios, curbside, parking lots and adjacent properties;
- Select personal and personal care services with the proper health and safety measures in place, including tattoo parlours, barber shops, hair salons and beauty salons;
- Shopping malls under existing restrictions, including food services reopening for take-out and outdoor dining only;
- Tour and guide services, such as bike and walking, bus and boat tours, as well as tasting tours for wineries, breweries and distilleries;
- Water recreational facilities such as outdoor splash pads and wading pools, and all swimming pools;
- Beach access and additional camping at Ontario Parks;
- Camping at private campgrounds;
- Outdoor-only recreational facilities and training for outdoor team sports, with limits to enable physical distancing;
- Drive-in and drive-through venues for theatres, concerts, animal attractions and cultural appreciation, such as art installations;
- Film and television production activities, with limits to enable physical distancing; and
- Weddings and funerals, with limits on social gatherings to **50 people**.

Everyone, regardless of where they live in the province, must continue to follow public health advice, including to practise physical distancing, wear a face covering if physical distancing is a challenge, wash hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. The Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when public health restrictions can be gradually loosened or if they need to be tightened.

**Emergency orders are updated regularly
and can be found at www.ontario.ca.**

Trudeau to relax rules so close kin of Canadians can enter Canada

The border between Canada and the U.S. will remain open only to temporary foreign workers, trade and commerce and vital health-care workers until **at least July 21**.

Tourists and cross-border visits remain prohibited, though foreign nationals are permitted to visit **immediate family** in Canada for 14 days or less if they can prove their reason for travel is not discretionary and they can comply with **quarantine measures**.

The exemption, effective Tuesday June 9, 2020, allows Canadians with American spouses to live together in Canada. The exemption also applies to common-law spouses, dependent children, parents or step-parents and guardians and tutors.

This change means immediate family members of Canadian citizens or permanent residents will be allowed into Canada from any country, including the U.S., if they are free of COVID-19 symptoms, the government said.

Anyone arriving under the exemption will still have to self-quarantine for two weeks (14 days), as any arrivals to Canada must, this is required to reduce the risk of spreading the novel coronavirus.

If these rules are not followed, one could face serious penalties.

The relaxing of the border ban into the U.S. isn't reciprocal and Canadians on non-essential travel wanting to enter the U.S. will still have to fly, as the U.S. ban on non-essential border crossings doesn't apply at airports into the U.S.

Ontario Helping Parents Return to Work Province Reopening Child Care with Strict Protocols to Keep Kids and Staff Safe

On June 9th, 2020, the Ontario government announced its plan to reopen child care centres across the province to support the next stage of the province's reopening framework **beginning Friday, June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.** Developed in consultation with Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health and medical leaders at The Hospital for Sick Children, the plan will require child care operators to follow strict health protocols to ensure the safety of child care staff and children.

As the province continues to implement its *Framework for Reopening the Province*, child care centres and home care providers across Ontario will be able to reopen with strict safety and operational requirements in place, similar to the safety guidelines required for emergency child care centres. Centres will be required to adopt specific rules, including:

- Cohorting — putting children and staff in groups of 10 or less day over day;
- COVID-19 response plan — all child care settings will be required to have a plan in place if a child, parent or staff member/provider is exposed to COVID-19;
- Screening — all staff and children must be screened prior to entry to the child care setting. Anyone feeling unwell must stay home;
- Daily attendance records — child care settings must keep daily records of all attendees in order to support contact tracing;
- Cleaning — child care settings must be thoroughly cleaned before opening and frequently thereafter;
- No visitors — only essential visitors are permitted entry into the child care setting;
- Implementing drop-off and pick-up protocols in a way that facilitates physical distancing.

Effectively immediately, staff can re-enter child care facilities and begin preparation for reopening. When these operators have met all the strict and stringent guidelines for reopening, they will be permitted to reopen.

The Ministry of Education has been working with the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development to develop these health and safety protocols. They will enable the safe reopening of child care centres across the province and enhance safety through effective contact tracing. This plan imposes strict requirements on operators, including mandatory training and reporting and support from the local medical officer of health before reopening.

Based on the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and with strict health and safety protocols in place, the government is now enabling summer day camp programs across the province to reopen this summer. Strict health and safety guidelines were developed by the Ministry of Health in partnership with public health, the Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development, and municipalities, and distributed to local public health teams earlier this month.

Ontarians Encouraged to Establish Social Circles ***Creating a Group of up to 10 People to reduce social Isolation***

People throughout Ontario are being encouraged to establish a social "circle" of no more than 10 people who can interact and come into close contact with one another without physical distancing. Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, updated public health advice to come into effect immediately province-wide to allow social circles of up to 10 members, including those outside the immediate household. Social circles will support the mental health and well-being of Ontarians and help reduce social isolation.

Ontarians who wish to form a safe social circle should follow these five simple steps:

1. Start with your current circle: the people you live with or who regularly come into your household;
2. If your current circle is under 10 people, you can add members to your circle, including those from another household, family members or friends;
3. Get agreement from everyone that they will join the circle;
4. Keep your social circle safe. Maintain physical distancing with anyone outside of your circle; and
5. Be true to your circle. No one should be part of more than one circle.

The rules for social circles are different from the proposed expansion of social gatherings from five to 10 people. Social gatherings can be any 10 people from outside your household, but where physical distancing of at least two metres should be maintained. For example, the expansion of social gatherings enables individuals and families to enjoy the company of others at backyard barbeques and picnics in neighbourhood parks, while respecting physical distancing advice.

On the other hand, social circles will enable Ontarians to enjoy close contact with members of their circle. This could include hugging, carpooling, enjoying a patio and sharing a meal without staying two metres apart. Ontarians should avoid close-contact activities with anyone outside of their circle if they are unable to maintain physical distancing. Social circles will also bring back supports from people outside of their household who can now help with children, seniors or those in need.

While physical distancing does not need to be practised between members of the same social circle, other public health advice, including frequent hand washing, should be maintained. Anyone who is ill or feeling sick should immediately limit their contact with anyone in their circle, inform the other members of the circle, self-isolate, and seek testing if they have COVID-19 symptoms, by visiting one of the [145 assessment centres](#) across Ontario. They should also seek testing if they are concerned that they might have been exposed to COVID-19 or be at risk.

More People Can Get Back to Work as Additional Businesses and Services to Reopen This Week Ontario Moving More Regions into Stage 2 on Friday

More people will be able to get back to work as additional businesses and services in certain regions across Ontario can begin reopening this Friday (June 19). The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and local medical officers of health, is enabling more regions of the province to enter Stage 2 of the government's reopening framework. These regions are able to reopen due to positive trends of key public health indicators at the local level, including lower transmission of COVID-19, sufficient hospital health system capacity, local public health capacity to assist with rapid case and contact management, and a significant increase in testing provincially.

Informed by public health advice and workplace safety guidance, and supported by the collective efforts of businesses, workers and families to limit the potential spread of the virus, the latest public health unit regions allowed to move into **Stage 2 on Friday, June 19, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.** are:

- Durham Region Health Department;
- Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit;
- Halton Region Health Department;
- Hamilton Public Health Services;
- Lambton Health Unit;
- Niagara Region Public Health Department; and
- York Region Public Health Services.

The following regions will remain in Stage 1 under ongoing assessment until trends of key public health indicators demonstrate readiness to move into Stage 2:

- Peel Public Health;
- Toronto Public Health; and
- Windsor-Essex County Health Unit.

Public health remains the government's top priority. All Ontarians must continue to follow public health advice, including practising physical distancing, wearing a face covering if physical distancing is a challenge, washing hands frequently and thoroughly, and avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth. If you think you have COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, get tested.

The Chief Medical Officer of Health and health experts will continue to closely monitor the evolving situation to advise when public health restrictions can be gradually loosened or if they need to be tightened.

Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) Extension

Canadians who were expecting to run out of funds from the Canada Emergency Response Benefit program in the coming weeks will now have **until the end of the summer** to keep claiming the \$500 weekly benefit while they seek new work.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made the announcement on Tuesday and acknowledged that there remains "**a long journey ahead**" before the economy bounces back and those who lost a job can find one again.

There were no changes to the eligibility criteria or funding amount, but the government will be adding stronger language to inform applicants they should be looking for work and should accept a new job when it is "**reasonable in their circumstances to do so.**"

Acceptable reasons to remain out of the workplace include not having access to childcare or having COVID-19 symptoms.

CANADA DAY UPDATE:

Canada Day festivities on July 1st, 2020 in Killarney this year will certainly be different. The annual Canada Day BBQ lunch at the Community Centre has been **cancelled** and the fireworks show normally held at St. Joseph school has been postponed to a later date due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We hope that you will still have your own small gatherings and celebrate Canada's Birthday in your own special way!

MUNICIPALITY:

- The Municipal Office and Public Works remain closed for public visits at this time, but Staff remain available to support you and will continue to respond to enquiries via:

Municipal Office Telephone 705-287-2424

Email: inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca

Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9:00 am – noon & 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Public Works Telephone 705-287-1040

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Office Hours: Monday to Thursday 7:00 am – noon & 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Friday 7:00 am – 1:00 pm

At the June 10th, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, Resolution No. 20-205 was passed stating that due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and to alleviate financial stress on

ratepayers, the Municipality will waive penalty on current 2020 taxes for the months of July, August and September. This will also apply to current 2020 water/sewer utility accounts. NSF fees will be waived during this time as well.

For further information, contact the Municipal Office during regular business hours.

For those who wish to access municipal services, whether it be to pick-up garbage tags, make a payment, purchase recycle bags or landfill tickets etc., there are options available:

- 1) You can contact the Municipal office and speak to someone regarding your request;
- 2) You can send your request via Canada Post;
- 3) Any payments can be made using a Visa, Mastercard (over the phone or via mail), cash or cheque can be dropped off in the designated lockbox located in the hallway of the Municipal building.

WATER LEVEL UPDATE:

The water levels on Lake Huron and Georgian Bay are substantially higher this year. The June level is 6" higher than last June and is now 36" higher than the long-term average.

The most recent forecast is that we can expect the July level to increase by 1". These high water levels are expected to persist until the end of 2020.

Damage to wharfs, boat houses and some low areas has been reported along Killarney Channel as well as in the Key River area.

Property owners in these areas will be more vulnerable if and when we get a strong westerly wind particularly if their dockage is on piers rather than a floating dock system. If traveling by boat in these low-lying areas please reduce speed and your wake if possible.

If these high levels do persist throughout the year and ice forms, there may be damage to docks that are on piers as water levels decline through January and February.

MUNICIPAL WEBSITE:

Additional information on COVID-19 can be located on the home page of the website at www.municipalityofkillarney.ca.

We will continue to monitor the situation and send necessary updates as the situation evolves. Should you have questions/concerns we encourage you to contact us via telephone 705-287-2424 (leave a message if we cannot answer the call immediately) or email us at inquiries@municipalityofkillarney.ca

You will receive a response as soon as possible.

At this critical time, we need your continued co-operation as we all have an obligation to our families, neighbours and community to do our part to limit the spread of COVID-19

~ Please Stay Safe and Healthy ~



Successful reopening is in our hands: COVID-19

Issued: Tuesday, June 9, 2020

Clarification: Stage 2 re-opening regulations only allow outdoor dine-in services at restaurants, bars and other establishments, including patios, curbside, parking lots and adjacent properties. Indoor dine-in services are still prohibited.

Effective Friday, June 12, 2020 (12:01 a.m.), more businesses and public spaces will be permitted to reopen in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts. Public Health Sudbury & Districts is one of the areas permitted to proceed to Stage 2 of the *Framework for Reopening our Province* (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>), announced by the Ontario Government yesterday.

"First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone in the Sudbury and Manitoulin districts for all their hard work and sacrifices—from business closures to people staying home and keeping their distance. Although necessary and effective, we also recognize these measures have taken their toll. The success of our past sacrifices now allows us to safely transition to this next stage," said Dr. Penny Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health with Public Health Sudbury & Districts. "As we move forward, it's critically important that we recognize that the success of reopening is our individual and shared responsibility," added Dr. Sutcliffe.

The changes announced yesterday include an increase in size of gatherings from five people or less to 10 or less, and the reopening of places of worship, both in effect for the entire province as of Friday, June 12 (12:01 a.m.). For areas proceeding to Stage 2 more retail spaces, personal service settings, restaurants, and outdoor and recreational activities, can open provided they implement additional safety protocols and respect applicable ongoing restrictions.

With the right to reopen businesses and public settings in our communities, comes the critical responsibility to do so in a *COVID-safe* way. Employers are expected to lead by example, emphasizing public health advice, and workplace health and safety guidance. The decisions business leaders take as they reopen will determine the course of the pandemic in our area and the public health actions necessary to control spread.

Public Health is sending information to workplaces and establishments to help set expectations, communicate requirements, and ensure appropriate measures are in place to protect the health of our communities. Any indication that expectations are not being met will result in prompt follow-up by Public Health and decisive action—through education, inspections, and enforcement—which could also include a return to stricter measures, where needed. We will work closely with workplaces to provide support and answer questions. A number of workplace resources are available at [phsd.ca/COVID-19](https://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus>), including sector specific guidelines.

"The simple yet effective practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are more important now than ever. No one wants to reverse course. The more we are able to change our behaviour, the more successful we will be able to implement a successful and safe approach to reopening. We all need to be cautious, to not let our guard down and to prepare and plan for a second wave. We want to ensure that as more viruses become present in our community, including influenza, we are in a position to respond effectively," said Dr. Sutcliffe.

Members of the public are reminded to continue to follow public health recommendations throughout Stage 2 and into the future. Continue to practise physical distancing, wear a mask when distancing is not possible, stay home if you are sick, wash your hands, and cover your cough or sneeze. If you have a COVID-19 symptom (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus#symptoms>), get tested. People who are asymptomatic, who are concerned that they have been exposed to COVID-19 or those who are at risk of exposure to COVID-19 through their employment are also encouraged to contact an [assessment centre](https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus#assessment) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus#assessment>) and get tested.

Our agency will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 activity in the community. Everyone must do their part to keep one another safe. We encourage all residents to be kind, be patient, and be respectful to one another as we navigate this next phase together. For more information or if you have questions or concerns, please visit [phsd.ca/COVID-19](https://www.phsd.ca/COVID-19) (<https://www.phsd.ca/health-topics-programs/diseases-infections/coronavirus>) or call Public Health Sudbury & Districts at 705.522.9200 (toll-free 1.866.522.9200).

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